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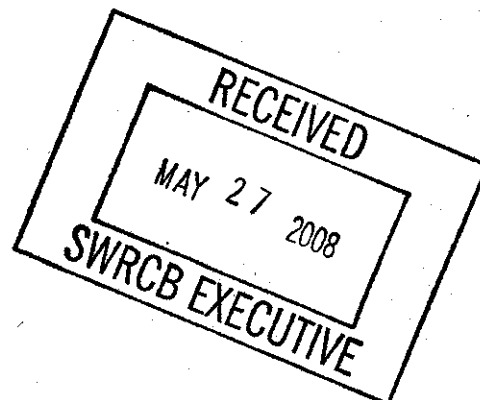
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6/3/08 Bd Mtg. Item 9  
IRWM Grant Funding List  
Deadline: 5/28/08 by 12 p.m.

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Subject: **6/3/08 BOARD MEETING, Item 9, FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE**  
Adoption of the Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM)  
Implementation Grant Funding List and concurrence with the Department of  
Water Resources' IRWM Implementation Grant Funding List

Dear State Board Members:

I support the initial recommendations of the State Board and Department of Water Resources staff. I encourage the Board to take action to approve the recommendations without any revisions. The staff have done a very creditable analysis of the grant applications and projects and made its recommendations within the guidelines of the Proposition 50 grant process.

The grant application submitted by Kings River Conservation District for the Upper Kings Basin Water Forum (composed of 5 water/irrigation districts, 9 cities, 3 counties, and at least 12 interested parties) was for \$6,863,682. While the recommended award is for \$6,064,375, the project proponents will be able to complete the projects with additional local funds. To receive less than the recommended amount, completion of the projects could be at risk.

The grant application contained the following projects:

- Fresno Irrigation District – FID/KCWD Apex Ranch Water Banking Expansion Project: This project will provide 14,000 acre-feet of dry-year yield for exchange for use by water purveyors in the Upper King Region, including the City of Clovis.
- Alta Irrigation District – Traver Groundwater Recharge and Banking Project: This project will not only improve groundwater conditions in the Traver area from the recharge of flood waters, it will provide a water supply to replace through exchange nitrate contaminated groundwater for the disadvantaged communities of Culter and Orosi.

It appears as though none of the Prop 50, Round 1 grant funds were allocated to projects located in the Southern San Joaquin Valley. Given the needs of this part of California, this project takes on added significance, considering the fact the UKBWF grant application scored so well in the Prop 50, Round 2 grant application process.

In closing, I encourage the Board to approve the staff recommendations without change.

Sincerely,



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